

WEATHER FORECAST.
Unsettled to-day and probably
to-morrow; warmer to-night.

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CIRCULATION.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., THE "RENO" FOR WASHINGTONIANS

Easier Law Tempts Capital
City Discontents.

POPULAR CLAUSE GIVEN

Marital Ties Broken on Ground
of Desertion.

Crandal Mackey Explains How It
Is Done According to the Statutes
of the Old Dominion—Absence of
Three Years Required Before Di-
vorce May Be Granted—Six Months'
Residence in the State of Nevada.

Coupled with the announcement
from Reno, Nev., that the legisla-
ture of that State has reduced the
time necessary to establish residence
before obtaining a divorce is the
statement, backed by the evidence
of the court records, that Alexan-
dria, Va., is becoming the mecca
for persons who seek severance of
marriage ties.

DIVORCE BILL GRIND.

Within the last year no less than
25 or 30 divorces have been granted in
Alexandria, which, once upon a time,
was a part of the District of Columbia.
There is a reason, of course, for this
order of things in the Virginia town on
the other side of the Potomac, whose
celebrated, once Alexandria, declares
will bear the scars made by the hoofs
of George Washington's steeds as he
drove over from his Mount Vernon man-
sion to attend divine services in Christ
Episcopal Church.

Crandal Mackey, the well-known Alex-
andria County lawyer, last night ex-
plained the divorce law as it now ap-
plies to the people of Virginia. His state-
ment furnished the reason for the increasing
number of divorces granted yearly in
Alexandria to Washington matrimonial
malcontents. He said:
"Divorce may be obtained in the
Alexandria or in any other Virginia
court on the grounds of infidelity and
desertion. In the District of Columbia
there is only one cause for divorce ac-
tion, and that is infidelity. In Virginia
divorces are granted when proof of in-
fidelity is furnished and when it can be
shown the desertion charge is based on
an absence of three years previous to
the filing of the divorce petition. If a
resident of Washington establishes a
residence in Alexandria of one year,
divorce action may be legally begun and
carried to a successful termination, pro-
vided the requisite proof is produced to
the satisfaction of the court."

Relief from Ties.

For several months, in Washington, it
has been noted from time to time, es-
pecially in the daily press, that relief
from matrimonial ties was being fre-
quently sought in Alexandria, and that
the influx of Washingtonians to the Vir-
ginia city for that purpose was rapidly
on the increase.

The "desertion" provision of the Vir-
ginia divorce law is held to be the cause
of the fact that residents of the Capital
are seeking divorces in Alexandria. It
is much less expensive, too, than going
to far-off Reno, although a little more
patience may be required.

The applicant for divorce on the ground
of desertion must wait three years before
establishing residence in the Virginia
town, but even this is preferable, it is
pointed out, when the purse is not overly
"fat" than the savings of earnings or the
borrowing of funds from friends for the
Reno trip.

The Near-by Reno.

All the facts in the case lead up to the
justification of calling "Alexandria the
near-by Reno of Washington, D. C." Whether the legislators of the Old Do-
minion, when the true state of affairs
becomes known, will seek to have the
"easy divorce law" of Virginia amended,
or narrowed down to the "infidelity"
clause, is a matter of speculation. At
any rate it is fast becoming noised around
Washington that divorces for Washing-
ton discontents are increasing at a rapid rate, and that
the wheels of the Alexandria divorce
court are to turn swiftly if present indi-
cations are a safe guide.

The Law in Reno.

The "time-lock" divorce bill, defining
residence for voting or litigation, passed
the senate late Friday night. Under this
measure mere physical presence in Ne-
vada six months will confer jurisdiction
on the courts to grant divorces. Persons
seeking divorce must have a fixed habita-
tion here. They may go away in emer-
gency cases, but they must come back.
This act will supplant court decisions as
to what constitutes residence and will
make the rule uniform.

Gov. Odell has not indicated what he
will do, but it is understood he will sign
the bill.

Bryan Is Fifty-one To-day.

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—William Jen-
nings Bryan will be fifty-one years old
to-morrow, and the anniversary of his
birth will be elaborately celebrated at
Fairview by friends of the Bryan, who
will assemble from all parts of the country.

Representative Burgess Stricken.

Gonzales, Tex., March 18.—Representa-
tive George P. Burgess, who was stricken
with paralysis at his home yesterday,
is in a serious condition.

MRS. BOOTH AGAIN WEDS.

Daughter of Gen. Shryock, of Balti-
more, Bride of Millionaire.

Wilmington, Del., March 18.—Mrs. Rida
Shryock Booth, daughter of Gen. Thomas
M. Shryock, former treasurer of that city,
was married here to-day to Robert Ste-
wart, Jr., a millionaire, of Philadelphia. The
ceremony was performed by Rev. E. G.
Elleson, pastor of the First German Bap-
tist Church, at his home here.

Wilmington was selected as a wedding
place because a quiet wedding was de-
sired. As the legislature is about to en-
act a radical change in the Delaware
marriage laws, the couple decided to have
the ceremony performed in advance of
the anticipated legislation. The bride and
bridegroom each gave their ages as
thirty-three years, and announced they
had both been divorced.

HOUSE RUNS AWAY OVER FROZEN LAKE

Driven from New York Shore
to Vermont by a Gale.

Westport, N. Y., March 18.—People living
along the shore of Lake Champlain
were astonished yesterday to see a house
running away across the ice.

The owner of the Willabro Point, a
peninsula opposite Burlington, wished to
move a house to a site about half a mile
further along the point and decided to
move it over the ice.

While the workmen were arranging the
skids to push the house back on land a
great gust of wind struck the house and
it started at a lively gallop up the lake.

It took a southeasterly course for the
Vermont shore, and was soon traveling
at a forty-mile clip over the frozen sur-
face of the lake. The sight of this forty-
foot two-story building as it twisted,
tumbled, twirled, and turned over cracks
and broken ice terrified the fish-hut col-
ony, which lay directly in the path of the
runaway.

The house finally banged diagonally on
a ridge of ice and came to a standstill
after a twelve-mile run. When the wind
subsided a team of horses towed the
building back to its site, where it was
securely tethered to trees.

CAMORRIST LOYAL ON WITNESS STAND

Member of Band Tries to
Protect His Accomplices.

Viterbo, March 18.—Nicola Morra, the
Camorrist, who is accused by the govern-
ment of having planned and directed
the murder of Gennaro Gucciolo and
his wife, was before the court from the
time the session opened this morning
until President Bianchi adjourned the
hearing late afternoon until next
Tuesday.

The crown advocate has asserted that
Morra and Corrado Sortino beat Gucciolo
to death with clubs while their com-
panions stabbed him. Then they went
to Gucciolo's house, it is asserted,
and accomplished the murder of Gucciolo's
wife. "The details of the crime, and all
the details of the crime, are in the in-
dictment were hurled at Morra during
his cross-examination, but he denied
every accusation, claiming inno-
cence of both crimes.

Record Not a Good One.

His past record was also laid bare.
He denied Abatemaggio's statements and
renewed his attacks on the Carabinieri,
who, he said, had instituted a reign of
terror in Naples by threatening to kill
all persons who refused to give evidence
against the Camorristas. He brought ap-
peal accusations against several magis-
trates and the public prosecutor. Presi-
dent Bianchi ordered one magistrate to
take the stand and defend himself, which
he will do at the resumption of the hear-
ing next week.

President Bianchi reminded Morra that
he had been prosecuted in connection
with the fraudulent bill of exchange. Morra
replied that he acted only as an inter-
mediary for Deputy Bonavoglia. The
president further reminded Morra that
he had forged passports for the purpose
of going to America, ostensibly as a
doctor, but really to accompany women
who were going to the United States for
immoral purposes. Morra replied that
his mission to America was not on busi-
ness, but on pleasure.

Morra made a brave showing through-
out the long ordeal. It was plain that
he had prepared his answers long ago,
and he delivered them in selected
phrases calculated to make as good an
impression on the jury as possible. He
spoke with excessive gesture, sometimes
pitching his voice high and again whis-
pering in a tone so low as to be scarcely
audible.

Loyal to Fellow Prisoners.

He was loyal to his band in every
statement, and assailed the role of the
protector of their female slaves with dra-
matic effect. Some of his past offenses
he unflinchingly admitted, but he was
always careful to avoid incriminating
any of his comrades. He stoutly de-
fended Maria Standardo, wife of a Cam-
orrist, who is alleged to have conducted a
disorderly house that served as a
rendezvous for the criminals. Whenever
President Bianchi called Standardo's
house disorderly, Morra protested vehem-
ently, maintaining that Standardo was a
hard-working man, who only rented fur-
nished rooms.

Morra succeeded in some degree in his
attempt to impress the jury and specta-
tors that he was innocent. He put for-
ward a strong alibi, declaring that on the
day of the murder he took part in the
festival of Madonna di Montevergine.
He also betrayed the Camorrista's line of
defense, which will be to show that the
Camorristas, as a criminal organization, is
a myth. President Bianchi severely re-
primanded Lawyer Battaglia, who laughed
when the questioning tended to show
the existence of such an association. The
charge of participating in the society is
least feared of all by the Camorristas, as
the maximum penalty is only five years,
and several of the band have already
served that long.

When Morra re-entered the cage late
this afternoon the Camorristas grabbed
his hands, while Ehrlicson nodded approv-
ingly. Standardo sobbed bitterly. The
police were occupied to-day with the
arrival of several notorious characters from
Naples. All persons connected with the
trial and the prisoners' relatives were
ordered to be in their houses when the
curfew bells rang at 8 o'clock to-night.

THE COMING SHOW.



D. C.—"WILL YOU KINDLY BILL THIS ONE?"

BRIDE ENDS LIFE IN CROWDED ROOM

Mrs. Farrar Royster Uses
Pistol in Hotel Parlor.

Charlotte, N. C., March 18.—A special
from Greensboro, N. C., to-night states
that Mrs. Farrar Royster, a bride of a
month, and widely known throughout the
State, committed suicide in a hotel in that
city to-day in a most sensational man-
ner.

Shortly after lunch, when the guests
had gathered in the hotel parlor, they
were panic-stricken when upon the sharp
crack of a pistol the handsome young
woman fell from her chair and began
writhing in agony on the floor, all the
time begging pitifully for someone to
kill her and stop her suffering. Young
Royster is prominently connected in this
State and well known in Virginia and
South Carolina.

The young woman was rushed to a
hospital and on a way there said that
her husband of a month had deserted her
and she had no hope of ever finding him,
and hoped she would die.

She left a note, but the contents of
it have not been learned. The husband
is thought to be in Texas.

ITALIAN MINISTRY DECIDES TO RESIGN

Chamber of Deputies Defeats
Premier by Heavy Vote.

Rome, March 18.—A heated debate took
place in the Chamber of Deputies here
to-day. The Social Radicals and Republi-
can members insisted upon having
gushed the bills for the proposed elec-
tional reforms. Premier Luzzatti ad-
vocated delay, giving it as his opinion that
it would be necessary to give the sub-
ject thorough study. A motion to de-
lay the question was defeated by a vote
of 265 to 75. After adjournment, a coun-
cil of ministers was called and it was
decided to resign.

"HE" WANTS TO ENLIST, BUT DECLINES TO STRIP

Miss Helen Akers Reveals Her Sex at Omaha After
Posing as Boy Four Years.

Omaha, Neb., March 18.—Had it not
been for the inflexible rule that Uncle
Sam has laid down that every applicant
to the navy must submit to a physical
examination, Miss Helen Akers, as she
gave her name, might now be on the
high seas, scrubbing decks on some war
ship along the Mexican coast or taking
part in the maneuvers.

Miss Akers, wearing men's clothes and
using the name of Henry Akers, applied
at the local naval recruiting station for
enlistment. The applicant had all quali-
fications as to height, weight, and wind.
"Now, strip and we will finish with
you," commanded Lieut. Downs, as he
recorded on the application the observa-

tions he had made. Here "Henry" balked,
saying, "I guess I don't want to go
to war."

"But you have enlisted now, and you
have got to go; no getting out of it."
Here the applicant broke down and con-
fessed "he" was a girl; that she was
twenty-two years of age; that she ran
away from home in New York four years
ago, taking an assumed name, and had
since passed as a man, doing nearly
every kind of work that would be ex-
pected of a man, and that her latest
ambition was to become a marine. She
said her parents were well-to-do people,
but that she had not heard from them
for more than three years.

THOMAS DOLAN ILL WITH APOPLEXY

Prominent Financier of Phil-
adelphia Stricken.

Philadelphia, March 18.—Thomas Dolan,
president of the United Gas Improvement
Company and one of the foremost finan-
ciers in Philadelphia, is seriously ill at
his city home, 189 Walnut street. He
recently suffered a second stroke of apoplexy.

While Mr. Dolan's condition is said to
be not critical, his years have given cause
for anxiety on the part of his family, who
have canceled most of their social en-
gagements pending the outcome of his ill-

ness.

Doctors See No Hope for
Cleveland Millionaire.

Cleveland, March 18.—Tom Johnson is
making the greatest battle of his career
for his life. He is fighting as gamely in
his sick room at the Whitehall as he ever
fought in his campaign circus tent, and
to-day he managed to drive off the end,
but not for long, his physicians declare.

Johnson's condition was worse Wednes-
day than it has ever been. His vitality
overcame the depression, and he was bet-
ter on Friday, and still better to-day.
His condition is still serious, however.

Johnson himself telegraphed to New
York on Friday for his wife and children
to see him. Mrs. Johnson, Lottie John-
son and his wife, and Mrs. Elizabeth
Marland and her daughter arrived here
this morning, and were with Johnson
most of the day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burnett Dead.

Harrisonburg, Va., March 18.—Mrs.
Elizabeth Burnett, aged seventy-seven,
widow of George P. Burnett, died to-day
at Hazelton, where she was a sister.
She leaves five children.

RAILWAY POSTAL CLERKS TO QUIT

Federal Employees Affiliated
with Labor Federation.

Chicago, March 18.—That 2,500 railway
postal clerks are affiliating with the
American Federation of Labor, with the
intention of resigning in a body unless
conditions are changed, was the claim
several local clerks made to-day.

Heavy runs of mails, without substitu-
tes or assistants, which caused the
clerks to average between eleven and
twelve hours a day, is the chief griev-
ance of the men.

The clerks charged that there has been
almost a 50 per cent increase in the
amount of mail handled, and despite this
the staff has been reduced slightly. Their
flight, it is asserted, has made the delay
of several mails unavoidable. The entire
condition is laid by the malcontents to
the economical policy of officials at
Washington.

MELT CANNON FOR MONEY.

Done for First Time in France
Since Revolution.

Paris, March 18.—For the first time
since the French Revolution French can-
non have been melted down to be turned
into money. In Paris, for some unex-
plained reason, the copper coinage has a
way of disappearing, and the mint au-
thorities have suddenly been called upon
to provide \$900,000 worth of new 10 and 5
centime pieces.

For this purpose the war department
has made a present to the mint of the
old cannon in the forts in and around
Paris, which are of no particular value.
The lot weighs about 300 tons.

FEAR LIMANTOUR HAS BEEN KILLED BY INSURRECTOS

Capture of Lampazas, on Route of Minister's
Trip, Ominous.

NO NEWS OF HIS TRAIN IS RECEIVED

Left San Antonio at 7:45 P. M. in Private Coach At-
tached to Regular Train for Mexico City to
See Diaz Regarding the Rebellion.

San Antonio, Tex., March 18.—Word was received here at 10 o'clock
to-night, via long distance telephone from Laredo, on the Mexican
border, that the town of Lampazas, seventy-three miles south of Nuevo
Laredo, on the line of the National Railways of Mexico, over which
Jose I. Limantour, Mexico's minister of finance, is traveling en route
to the City of Mexico, had fallen into the hands of the insurrectos late
this afternoon. The rebels seized the town, so the report has it, before
Limantour's train arrived there.

Whether the long bridge at that place has been destroyed by the
insurrectos cannot be learned. No further word of the minister's train
can be had. Grave fears are entertained that Limantour may have been
captured or suffered bodily harm, and some are even apprehensive lest
the right-hand man of President Diaz has been killed.

THINK BATTALION IS EXTERMINATED

No News from Command of
Lieut. Col. Aguiar.

Monterey, Mex., March 18.—A dispatch
from Mexico City says:

"Very grave fears are entertained in
this city regarding the safety of the
Twenty-seventh Battalion, as nothing has
been heard from it for some time. It
is feared that it has fallen into an am-
bush and the entire force been annihi-
lated."

"These troops have been operating in
the northern part of the state of Sonora,
and at the last accounts were near the
little village of El Pado, on the north-
ern border of the state. It is feared that
the troops were ambushed near this place
and the entire command destroyed. Lieut.
Col. Luis Aguiar was in command of
the force, and as nothing has been heard
from him, it is thought that he was
killed."

CAVALRY SQUADRON
RUSHED TO BORDER

Orders from Washington: No-
gales Destination?

San Antonio, March 18.—Late to-night
orders came direct from the War De-
partment at Washington to the Pullman
yards in San Antonio to equip with crew
and engine a train of thirteen Pullman
cars and kitchen car to convey a squad-
ron of cavalry from the divisional camp
here to a point along the Southern Pa-
cific system west of El Paso. There were
to be nine tourist sleepers for the en-
listed men and two standard Pullmans
for the officers, and the orders were to
hurry.

Within an hour the train was made up
and waiting in the yards at Fort Sam
Houston, it is learned on good authority
that the destination is Nogales, which is
on the border between Arizona and the
border of Mexico. The train will leave
some time shortly after midnight.

COUNTESS MARRIES AGAIN.

Newport, R. I., March 18.—The Countess
von Beroldingen, formerly Miss Mar-
garet Stone, was married here to-day to
Samuel Norris, Jr., secretary and attor-
ney for the United States Rubber Com-
pany. The ceremony was performed by
the Rev. George Locke, of Bristol. The
bride was attended by her sister, Miss
Emma Stone, and her daughter, Miss
Margaret Beroldingen, was the flower
girl. The wedding took place in the villa
of the countess' mother, in Bellevue ave-
nue.

Mrs. Norris gained her title to the
Countess von Beroldingen as the result
of a mysterious romance in 1904. Mr.
Norris of forty-nine years old. His bride
is thirty.

Names of winners in The Washington
Herald's Geographical Puzzle appear on page
6, Magazine Section.

See this week's Puzzle on same page. The-
ater tickets offered as prizes.

LIMANTOUR'S LIFE IMPERILED ON TRIP

Was Passing Through Dan-
ger Zone Last Night.

San Antonio, March 18.—Josef Ives
Limantour, Mexico's minister of finance,
who is believed by all Mexico to be hur-
rying down to report to President Diaz
upon a plan for checking the growing in-
surrection and bringing peace between
the government and the rebels, is pass-
ing through a danger zone to-night. If
his train arrives at San Luis Potosi un-
dermined to-morrow, the rest of his jour-
ney to the capital will be without in-
cident, for he will then be out of range
of insurrecto menace.

From officials of the National Rail-
ways of Mexico, who passed the minis-
ter's train on the trip up north of Laredo
this morning, it was learned that there
was very possible danger of an in-
definite delay if not of bodily harm for
Senator Limantour while he was passing
through the rebellious states of Nuevo
Leon and Coahuila to-night and early
to-morrow morning.

Rebels' Plans Known.

This because a guard of soldiers met
his train at Nuevo Laredo, just across
the boundary from Laredo, Tex., and the
railroad over which he is traveling has
been notified that the minute federal sol-
diers were transported over its tracks
they would be destroyed.

In fact, the rebels had given notice
that this, one of two remaining avenues
out of Mexico, was due to be destroyed
any time after March 17, the railroad
officials said this morning. So fearful
of the execution of this threat by the
insurrectos had been the managers of
the National line from Mexico City to
Laredo that while to-day's up train was
passing through Southeastern Coahuila
yesterday afternoon imperative orders
were issued by telegram from Mexico
City to the train conductor that north of
Saltillo the train should be run at re-
duced speed on the approaches to all
bridges and curves.

No Love for Limantour.

Though the members of the Madero
family were in conference with Liman-
tour in New York, and Francisco Ma-
dero is reported to have declared him-
self hopeful of the ultimate good, it
eventually from Limantour's mission
people who have just come out of the
rebel country, through which Limantour
is passing, said to-day that because he

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KILLS SON AND SELF.

Grocer Angered When Boy Comes
to Mother's Aid.

Steubenville, Ohio, March 18.—Joseph
Heim, aged forty-five, to-day shot and
killed his sixteen-year-old son, Joseph,
Jr., and then turned the weapon on him-
self and blew out his own brains. Heim
was choking his wife when the son and
daughter interfered, whereupon Heim
drew his revolver and shot the boy.

He then closed and locked his grocery
and telephoned police headquarters and
fired the place. Both bodies were re-
covered by firemen.

No Audiences by Pope.

Rome, March 18.—It may be stated
authoritatively that no pilgrimages, with-
out exception, whether led by Catholics
or not, will be received in audience by
the Pope during the present year. No
papal audiences have been guaranteed to
the members of any particular pilgrim-
age from the United States or elsewhere.